

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants appreciate the participation of the Examiner in a telephone interview relating to this action on August 13, 2008 which involved Examiner Bates, and the Applicants represented by David J. McKenzie (Reg. No. 46,919), and Rick Nordgren (Reg. No. 60,306). During the course of the telephone interview, Applicants explained that the prior art taught the basic structure and operation of portlets and lacked the teachings of several elements of Claim 1 with a proposed amendment. Specifically, while the prior art seemed to teach contexts, individual sessions for each portlet, and the ability for portlets to send messages to each other, the prior art lacked any concept of a Portlet Application Session Object shared by all portlets in a portlet application. The Applicants explained that the Portlet Application Session Object allows the portlets in a portlet application to share data and allows the implementation of a dynamic context. In addition, the Applicants pointed out that Claim 1 allows portlets to form collaborative groups which consist of subgroups in a portlet application. The prior art does not allow subgrouping in a portlet application. The Examiner stated that the amendment, as proposed, overcame the art of record.